

House Resolution 1646

By: Representative Chambers of the 81st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Interfaith Outreach Home; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, since 1989, Interfaith Outreach Home has been serving the neediest of Doraville
3 by providing transitional housing for homeless families; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Interfaith Outreach Home has helped 175 families since its founding, with the
5 last six able to purchase homes after leaving the program; and
- 6 WHEREAS, besides housing, the organization provides a number of services, including life
7 skills training, mental health services, intensive care management, summer camp for
8 children, an after-school program, preschool care, assistance in establishing savings accounts,
9 and debt repair; and
- 10 WHEREAS, after families leave the program, Interfaith Outreach Home continues to follow
11 up on their progress for up to five years to ensure lasting stability; and
- 12 WHEREAS, for the past three years, 90 percent of participating families "graduated,"
13 meaning that they stayed together and were able to find steady employment with a sufficient
14 income to ensure independent housing while keeping their children in school; and
- 15 WHEREAS, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Interfaith Outreach Home provided food
16 and shelter for many affected families, including one family of 21 people, and assisted many
17 others in finding community resources during the hurricane relief period; and
- 18 WHEREAS, thanks to the hard work and dedication of its volunteers, Interfaith Outreach
19 Home continues to give new hope to families struggling with poverty and serves as a shining
20 example to other organizations who strive to make the world a better place.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body join in commending and thanking Interfaith Outreach Home for
3 its outstanding contributions to Doraville and to Georgia.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Interfaith Outreach Home.